(b) and (c) Oil Companies join hands with PCRA in measures related to energy conservation among the masses. From time to time, Oil Companies also sponsor related activities in accordance with their respective corporate policy and procedures. The suggestions made at (b) and (c) have been noted for further consideration.

ONGC'S LNG Plant in Russia

†3515. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Commission is considering on the possibility of installing Liquefied Natural Gas Plant in Russia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)/ ONGC Videsh Ltd. have no proposal at present for setting up a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Plant in Russia.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fund for exploration of crude

3516. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of crude oil produced in the country in 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 respectively;

(b) the targets for crude oil production in this current year;

(c) whether Government have any plans to increase exploration for oil and hydrocarbons in the country; and

(d) if so, the details of plans to fund expanded exploration for crude oil in the country?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.